

**CE.IV If children are not receiving services primarily in natural environments, these children have IFSPs that justify why services are not provided in natural environments.**

**1. Baseline/Trend Data and Analysis (for reporting period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004):**

**Primary Setting for Children under 3 years of age with active IFSPs (as of 12/1/2003 child count)**

Primary Setting	12/1/2003						Total Child Count, 12/1/2003		Total Child Count, 12/1/2002		Change
	0-1 Years	%	1-2 Years	%	2-3 Years	%					
Program Designed for Children with Developmental Delay or Disabilities	12	2.58%	33	3.09%	79	4.18%	124	3.62%	182	6.19%	-2.56%
Program Designed for Typically Developing Children	20	4.30%	65	6.09%	144	7.62%	229	6.69%	228	7.75%	-1.06%
Home	430	92.47%	962	90.16%	1,650	87.26%	3,042	88.87%	2,276	77.36%	+11.51%
Hospital (Inpatient)	3	0.65%	1	0.09%	2	0.11%	6	0.18%	1	0.03%	+0.14%
Service Provider Location	0	0.00%	2	0.19%	8	0.42%	10	0.29%	1	0.03%	+0.26%
Other Setting *	0	0.00%	4	0.37%	8	0.42%	12	0.35%	254	8.63%	-8.28%
Total	465		1,067		1,891		3,423		2,942		

**Primary Setting by Race for Children under 3 years of age with active IFSPs (as of 12/1/2003 child count)**

Primary Setting	12/1/2003										Total Child Count	
	Asian/ Pacific Islander	%	Black (not His.)	%	Hispanic	%	White (not His.)	%	Amer. Indian/ Alaska Native	%		
Program Designed for Children with Developmental Delay or Disabilities	2	2.86%	13	3.10%	6	5.83%	103	3.65%	0	0.00%	124	3.62%
Program Designed for Typically Developing Children	5	7.14%	36	8.59%	6	5.83%	182	6.44%	0	0.00%	229	6.69%
Home	63	90.00%	367	87.59%	89	86.41%	2,516	89.09%	7	100.00%	3,042	88.87%
Hospital (Inpatient)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	0.21%	0	0.00%	6	0.18%
Service Provider Location	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.97%	9	0.32%	0	0.00%	10	0.29%
Other Setting *	0	0.00%	3	0.72%	1	0.97%	8	0.28%	0	0.00%	12	0.35%
Total	70		419		103		2,824		7		3,423	

\* Other Setting data for the 12/1/2002 child count was inflated by unknown primary settings due to conversion from the old system to the new or because information on the services received was not available. The primary setting of the IFSP is now a required data element.

### **Monitoring Data**

Justification for services provided outside of the natural environment has been monitored in conjunction with SPOE visits. This is not an area where problems have been found, except for some isolated situations. For example, one SPOE had noncompliance with services in a setting designed for children with disabilities and not showing appropriate justification. This area of noncompliance is being dealt with through corrective actions.

### **Child Complaints**

There were no child complaints in this area in 2003-04

### **Future Plans for Data Collection**

- IFSP Quality Indicators includes a section on justification of non-natural environments
- webSPOE system will require the entry of a natural environments justification for any service authorized in a non-natural environment. Scheduled to be implemented Summer 2005
- Data from service coordinator and provider monitoring

### **2. Targets (for reporting period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004):**

- Maintain high percentage of children served in natural environments.

### **3. Explanation of Progress or Slippage (for reporting period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004):**

In new webSPOE software, justification will be required if a non-natural setting is selected for any service. In addition, the software will provide data on the number of "No Provider Available" services that were due to providers not willing to travel to the natural environment. Due to a delay in the completion and implementation of the new software, this data is not yet available.

Monitoring for justification of non-natural environments will occur along with all other monitoring of SPOEs and service coordinators.

### **4. Projected Targets:**

- Maintain high percentage of children served in natural environments
- Continue monitoring for natural environments justification
- IFSP Quality Indicators data will show use of best practices in regards to natural environments
- Additional projected targets are in the Future Activities tables

**5 & 6. Future Activities to Achieve Projected Targets/Results and Projected Timelines and Resources:**

See also CE.I

<b>New Cluster/ Probe</b>	<b>Future Activities to Achieve Projected Targets (5)</b>	<b>Projected Targets/ Evidence of Change (4)</b>	<b>Projected Timelines (6)</b>	<b>Resources (6)</b>
CE.IV	Determine need for and develop the natural environments module	Module developed if determined necessary	2005-06	EP, Comp
CE.IV GS.IV	Explore incentives for providers to go into natural environments including discussions with Medicaid on reimbursement issues	Appropriate service delivery in natural environments	Ongoing	Comp
CE.IV	Develop IFSP Quality Indicators and include indicators for natural environment justification	Appropriate service delivery in natural environments	Ongoing	EP
CE.IV GS.IV	Include reasons for NPA in new webSPOE	Appropriate service delivery in natural environments	Ongoing	Data